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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Director
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FROM : Deputy Director of Security
SUBJECT : EATON, Bert - HARRIS, Roger
Requests for Photographs.

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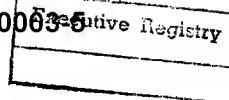
After checking the Office of Security Indices, we find no security reason why General Cabell should not send the requested autographed photographs to Mr. Bert Eaton and Mr. Roger Harris, if he should so desire.

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Deputy Director of Security

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Mr. Bert Eaton *[Signature]*

Dear Mr. Eaton:

Thank you for your recent letter to General Cabell requesting his autograph and/or autographed photograph. A reply has been delayed awaiting General Cabell's return from a trip out of the country.

I regret that our response cannot be more favorable, but it has been and continues to be General Cabell's practice to provide autographs and photographs only to his close personal friends. I understand that the Director of this Agency, Mr. Dulles, has recently sent you his autographed picture.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Executive Assistant

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Lt. Gen. Charles P. Cabell,
Deputy Director C.I.A.,
Washington, D.C.

10-8230

Dear General Cabell:

I am writing to you as a student of the most fascinating of all subjects, the American political scene. I recently succumbed to one of the minor vices of our time, that of compiling a "collection". Not of old glass or buttons, firearms or picture post-cards, but of political personalities. I acquired a handsome album and set about recording a kind of history of our era and of the men who are creating that history.

Party affiliation has played no part in my choice of personalities. There have been, and are now, great men in both parties. I am compelled to salute the man and his deeds and his ideals rather than the party label. Nor can I haphazardly compile a collection of men merely because they happen to hold political office. There are men such as yourself who have had a share in the larger political destiny of our country.

My collection consists of biographies put together from pertinent newspaper and magazine clippings and the like, culled from my engrossing research. But, in its inception, it lacked a touch which would change it from a mere scrapbook of clippings into a prized personal possession. In order to achieve this status for my undertaking I must turn to the men I most admire.

At this point I have been greatly heartened by the generous response of those to whom I have written. This has given me the courage to write to you. Oddly, I find that the more I respect and admire a person, the more hesitant I am to presume upon his time and his indulgence to me, a stranger.

I have prepared a page in my album devoted to your career, highlighted by your genuinely outstanding service as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and for your distinguished accomplishments in the United Nations and in many other important posts. I am addressing this letter to you because of my sincere admiration for you as a man and a leader. It would be pointless to try to enumerate the many reasons I have for wishing to include you in my album. Able writers than I have already acknowledged your stature in our great society.

Customarily, I have requested an autograph on the enclosed card, but in this instance, and at the risk of seeming entirely presumptuous, I am going to ask for a personally signed photograph. I would consider it a great honor if you would share in my collection.

With my warm personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,